GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE BUSINESS COUNTERS AT AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India has decided to allot all the foreign exchanges business counters to one single international agency `Thomos Cook` ignoring all Indian Public Sector Banks which have been serving the abovebusiness since the airport had become operational;

(b) if so, the reasons for accordingly the permission to an international fianancial institution and ignoring all Indian Public Sector Banks; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b) & (c) :- Allotment of money exchange counter by Airports Authority of India (AAI) atvarious airports has been done on the basis of open tender and the highest bidder has been selected. It is a commercial decision of AAI. State Bank of India and Punjab National Bank, authorised for collection of Custom Duty at airports would, however, continue to do so from the counters allotted to them for the purpose.